

Appl. No. 09/415,481

Reply to Final Office Action of August 23, 2005

**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
ART GROUP UNIT 2674**

REMARKS

In Response to the Final Office Action dated August 23, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in that Applicant has cancelled each of the previously rejected claims, and has incorporated only language previously indicated as allowable in the newly-submitted claims.

This Response cancels claims 64-78 without prejudice or disclaimer, amends claims 79, 83, 85 and adds new claims 88-98. After entry of the above claim amendments, claims 39-43, 45, 55, 60-63 and 79-98 (6 independent and 23 dependent, a total of 29 claims) are pending, and no new matter has been added by this Response. The fee for the newly-added claims is addressed in the Fee Determination Record accompanying this Response. Although no additional fees or extensions of time are believed to be required for entry of this Response, the Commissioner is authorized and requested to provide any extension and/or to debit any fees that may be required to avoid abandonment of this Application from Deposit Account No. 50-2091.

The Final Office Action essentially allowed all of the pending claims except claims 64-81. Applicant has cancelled claims 64-78, and has amended claim 79 to incorporate language from prior claim 82 that was previously indicated as allowable. Applicant cancelled claim 82 and amended claim 85 to avoid duplication of the language newly-incorporated into the independent claim, and has amended claim 83 to reflect proper claim dependency. These amendments are therefore purely linguistic in nature, and are made to obtain speedy allowance of the claims rather than for any purposes relating to patentability.

Although Applicant has also added new claims 88-98 to more fully claim the invention, each of the newly-added claims depend from previously allowed claims and/or contain language that was previously indicated as allowable. New claim 88, for example, is simply allowed claim 84 re-written in independent form. Claims 89-91 ultimately depend from allowed claim 39. Claims 92-94 ultimately depend from allowed claim 60, and claims 95-98 ultimately depend from claim 79, which has been indicated as allowable in its current amended form. As a result, there are no further issues remaining with the present claims, nor do any of the newly-added claims require additional searching.

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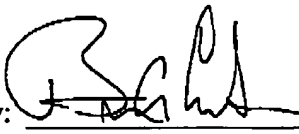
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All of the pending claims are therefore believed to be allowable over the prior art of record for the various reasons set forth above. Applicant therefore respectfully requests reconsideration of the remaining rejections and allowance of all pending claims. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to further discuss this application, Applicant's counsel may be reached at (480) 385-5060 or bcarlson@ifllaw.com.

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